

Setting up of major project in public sector in Jaunpur

3573. DR. A.U. AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single major project in the public sector under the Administrative control of his Ministry has been allocated to Jaunpur area as a result of which large number of people are leaving for cities in search of livelihood and employment;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to locate some of the big public sector projects in that area to bring about the desired development of the area; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No public sector project under the control of this Ministry has been set up at Jaunpur.

(b) There is no proposal at present to set up a public sector project in Jaunpur.

(c) The location of a plan/project is decided upon taking into account factors such as the availability of feed-stock, proximity to the market, demand pattern, logistics and cost of transportation of raw materials and finished goods and other techno-economic considerations. Keeping these parameters in view, there is at present no proposal for setting up a project at Jaunpur.

Telephone Service in Salem District of Tamil Nadu

3574. SHRI K. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Salem district, Tamil Nadu, small towns Gmalur, Elampalli, Mal-

lur and Yercand have been brought under local telephone system but they are not functioning properly due to frequent mechanical failures;

(b) is it proposed to change the old machinery and rectify the defects; and

(c) do Government propose to bring Tharamangalam Town also under local telephone system from Salem because Tharamangalam is also within fifteen kilometres (15 K.Ms.) from Salem and adjoining to Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Omalur (Gmalur), Elempalli, Mallur, and Yercaud (Yercond) in Salem District have not been brought under local telephone system of Salem. The telephones in these places are functioning properly and there are frequent mechanical failures.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No Sir.

Issue of Licences for Manufacturing drugs containing Phenacetin

3575. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the issue of fresh industrial licences for producing formulations of drugs containing Phenacetin from the existing manufacturers;

(b) whether Government have considered and issued notices banning the sales of Phenacetin or formulations containing Phenacetin; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy on this aspect of manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a), No, Sir.